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By the present amendment, claim 40 has now been amended to clarify that the present invention is directed to a method for preparing a beer from a beer wort.

Additionally, new claims 62 and 63 have been added to the application to provide claims of different scope. With regard to new claim 63, basis for the temperature limitations set forth therein can be found on page 11, line 35, page 12, line 1, and page 12, lines 12-15 in the specification of the instant application.

Claims 40, 62, and 63 are now directed to a method for preparing a beer from a beer wort. It is respectfully noted that neither the drink "SNAKEBITE" or the document from www.realbeer.co.nz describing "SNAKEBITE" does not teach or suggest the claimed method for preparing beer from a beer wort.

Claims 40, 43-50, 52-56, and 58-61 are believed to be allowable for the reasons set forth in the amendment filed on January 7, 2002.

In the Advisory Action issued on February 25, 2002, the Examiner inquired as to the specific specification

of claim 40 on page 1, lines 1 and 11 in the specification.

in the instant application for the support for these temperature limitations.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

A check in the amount of \$944.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the cost of the additional claims fee and the RCE filing fee. Should the Commissioner determine that an addition fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIM

40. (Twice Amended) A method for preparing [a fermented beverage including] a beer from a beer wort, said method comprising a preparing step including the step of adding pectin E 440 in a predetermined proportion in order to inhibit coagulation and precipitation of proteins so as to obtain at least one of a persistent irreversible haze which remains at a temperature of 15°C and of a reversible haze which remains at a temperature below 12°C and disappears at 15°C, said persistent irreversible haze and said reversible haze each having respective predetermined characteristics in terms of intensity and persistence over time in the event of storage.